

( Rep. No. 164. )

FEBRUARY 9, 1843.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. GORDON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, reported the following bill :

## **A BILL**

To amend and explain the act of the thirty-first of May, one thousand eight hundred and thirty, entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution.'"

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3   the act passed on the thirty-first day of May, one thousand  
4   eight hundred and thirty, entitled "An act to amend the act  
5   entitled 'An act for the relief of certain surviving officers  
6   and soldiers of the army of the Revolution,' " shall be con-  
7   strued to have a retrospective as well as a prospective opera-  
8   tion, that the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed  
9   to pay to each of the nine revolutionary invalid pensioners on  
10  the roll on the third day of March, in the year of our Lord  
11  one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, and who were  
12  required to relinquish their invalid pensions in order to ob-  
13  tain the benefit of "An act for the relief of certain surviving  
14  officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved May fifteen,  
15  one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, to allow and pay

16 to any such pensioner his invalid pension, at the rate to which  
17 he was entitled on the third day of March, Anno Domini one  
18 thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, as if no such relin-  
19 quishment had been made, or the invalid pension discon-  
20 tinued in consequence of taking the benefits of the act afore-  
21 said, and the payment withheld under the construction of the  
22 act of thirty-first of May, one thousand eight hundred and  
23 thirty.